

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

This is George Bush's idea isn't it? Just one more way to screw those of us who already have no money to spare.

I purchased a TracFone to save money while still having an emergency line while on the road. I already pay an average of 40 cents for every minute I use (roaming charges are twice that.)

My land line costs also are already almost unaffordable because you ill informed legislative people keep allowing the phone company to offset their corporate losses by charging residential customers more.

I have a disabled husband. We need the phone for medical reasons. I already pay enough for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make all of my current services unaffordable.

Just like the unfair tax arrangement this country has where the poor middle class subsidizes the rich and corporate world under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

If you really need something to occupy your time work on reducing spam.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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